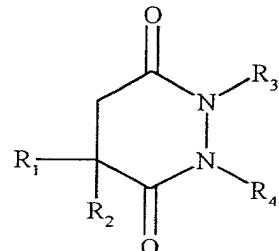


CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A composition comprising:
 - 2 (A) a lubricant, and
 - 3 (B) at least one alkyl succinhydrazide compound of the formula:



wherein:

11 R₁ is selected from the group consisting of linear or branched alkyl, alkenyl, alkaryl, alkyl
12 ether, alkyl ester, and alkylene ester groups;
13 R₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, linear or branched alkyl, alkenyl, alkyl
14 ether, and alkyl ester groups; and
15 R₃ and R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, linear or
16 branched alkyl and alkenyl groups, aryl groups, and alkaryl groups.

- 1 2. The composition of claim 1 wherein the lubricant is a lubricating oil.
- 1 3. The composition of claim 1 wherein R₁ is a straight chain hydrocarbon, a branched
2 chain hydrocarbon, a fully saturated hydrocarbon chain, or a partially unsaturated hydrocarbon
3 chain.

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1 4. The composition of claim 2 wherein R₁ is a straight chain hydrocarbon, a branched
2 chain hydrocarbon, a fully saturated hydrocarbon chain, or a partially unsaturated hydrocarbon
3 chain.

1 5. The composition of claim 1 wherein R₁ is a hydrocarbon chain of from 1 to 30 carbon
2 atoms.

1 6. The composition of claim 2 wherein R₁ is a hydrocarbon chain of from 1 to 30 carbon
2 atoms.

1 7. The composition of claim 1 wherein R₁ is a linear or branched hexadecylene chain.

1 8. The composition of claim 2 wherein R₁ is a linear or branched hexadecylene chain..

1 9. The composition of claim 1 wherein the alkyl-succinhydrazide is present in a
2 concentration in the range of from about 0.01 to about 10 wt%.

1 10. The composition of claim 2 wherein the alkyl-succinhydrazide is present in a
2 concentration in the range of from about 0.01 to about 10 wt%.

1 11. The composition of claim 1 wherein R₂, R₃, and R₄ are independently selected from the
2 group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, alkyl, alkaryl, and alkenyl.

1 12. The composition of claim 2 wherein R₂, R₃, and R₄ are independently selected from the
2 group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, alkyl, alkaryl, and alkenyl.

1 13. The composition of claim 11 wherein R₂, R₃, and R₄ are the same.

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1 14. The composition of claim 12 wherein R₂, R₃, and R₄ are the same.

1 15. The composition of claim 13 wherein R₂, R₃, and R₄ are hydrogen.

1 16. The composition of claim 14 wherein R₂, R₃, and R₄ are hydrogen.

1 17. The composition of claim 1 further comprising at least one additive selected from the
2 group consisting of dispersants, detergents, corrosion/rust inhibitors, zinc
3 dialkyldithiophosphates, VI improvers, pour point depressants, antioxidants, and friction
4 modifiers.

1 18. The composition of claim 2 further comprising at least one additive selected from the
2 group consisting of dispersants, detergents, corrosion/rust inhibitors, zinc
3 dialkyldithiophosphates, VI improvers, pour point depressants, antioxidants, and friction
4 modifiers.

1 19. The composition of claim 1 further comprising at least one member selected from the
2 group consisting of zinc dialkyldithiophosphates, zinc diaryldithiophosphates, and mixtures
3 thereof.

1 20. The composition of claim 2 further comprising at least one member selected from the
2 group consisting of zinc dialkyldithiophosphates, zinc diaryldithiophosphates, and mixtures
3 thereof.